GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2883
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Virtual Tour of Monuments
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has tied up with Google company for 360 degree virtual tour of monuments in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the list of monuments, state-wise and monument-wise;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Andhra Pradesh is the only major State in India which does not have a circle of ASI and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to set up regional circle or a mini-circle in Andhra Pradesh for the upkeep of historic monuments in State and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. The Archaeological Survey of India and Google Ireland Limited a company incorporated under the laws of Ireland signed an Agreement on 25th September, 2013 to create standard-resolution, 360-degree, panoramic images (the "Site View Images"), giving users the ability to experience a "virtual tour" of those selected parts of the monuments/Site. 100 monuments have been covered under the scheme throughout the country. The State-wise list is at Annexure.

(c)&(d) Archaeological Survey of India has established a new Circle with its Headquarter at Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh by bifurcating its erstwhile Hyderabad Circle into Hyderabad Circle and Amaravathi Circle vide Notification No. 4-4/2015-Plg.& HRD, dated 7.6.2016. Both the Circles, i.e. Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh and Hyderabad, Telangana at present are functioning from the existing premises at Hyderabad.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)&(b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2883 FOR 20.3.2017

List of Monuments covered to take up for imagery collection in the country

Sl. No. Name of State and Name of Monument
Andhra Pradesh
1 Guntupalli Buddhist Caves, Hyderabad
2 Amaravati Buddhist Stupas and remains, Andhra Pradesh
3 Chandragiri Fort
4 Nagarjuna Konda Buddist Stupas
Gujarat
5 Harappan site, Dholavira
6 Kevda Masjid
7 Nagina Masjid, Jaunpur
8 Baba pyara caves
9 Khaprakodia caves
10 Modhera Sun Temple, Vadodara
11 Rani Ki Vav, Vadodara
12 EkMinar Masjid
13 Helical Vav
Haryana
14 Surajkund
15 Sheikh Chilli's Tomb
Himachal Pradesh

16 KangraFort,Kangra
17 Rock Cut Caves, Masroor, Kangra
Jammu & Kashmir
18 Avanti Swami Temple Ruins, Avantipura
19 Raja Suchet Singh Palace, Ramnagar
20 Kiramchi Temple complex, Udhampur
21 The Leh Palace, Leh, Ladakh
Karnataka
22 Keshava Temple
23 Lakkundi Temple (Brahma Jinalaya)
24 Chitradurga fort
25 ImbrahimRouza, Bijapur
26 Durga Temple complex, Bhagalkot
27 Gol − Gumbuz, Bijapur
28 Hoshang Shah''s Tomb
29 Daria DaulatBagh
30 Lakulisha Temple, Badami
Madhya Pradesh
31 Bagh Buddhist Caves
32 Rani Roopmati Pavilion
33 Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka
34 Rock Cut Jain Colossi, Bhopal
35 SasBahuKaMandir, Gwalior
36 TeliKaMandir, Gwalior
37 Gwalior Fort
38 Western Group of Temples, Khajuraho
39 Javari Temple, Khajuraho
40 Vamana Temple, Khajuraho
41 Jain Group Of Temples, Khajuraho
42 Chaturbhuja Temple, Khajuraho
43 Duladeo Temple, Duladeo Temple
44 Sanchi Buddhist Stupas
45 Jami Masjid
Maharashtra
46 Ellora Caves, Aurangabad
47 Ajanta Caves, Aurangabad
48 Daulatabad Fort, Aurangabad
49 Aurangabad Buddhist Caves, Aurangabad
50 BibikaMakbara, Aurangabad
51 Pandulena Caves, Nasik
52 Elephanta Caves, Mumbai
53 Lenyadri Caves, Pune
54 Shanirwada Fort, Pune
55 Aga Khan Palace, Pune
56 Karla Caves, Pune
57 Raigarh Fort, Raigarh
58 Hirakota old Fort
59 Kanheri Caves
NCT Delhi
60 NilaGumbaz
61 Tughlaqabad Fort
62 Sultan Ghari''s Tomb
63 Humayun''s Tomb
64 Red Fort
65 JantarMantar
66 QutubMinar
67 Safdarjung Tomb
68 Feroz Shah Kotla Fort
69 PuranaQuila
70 Sikander Shah''s Tomb
Rajasthan
71 Hill fort of Jaisalmer
72 Hill Fort of Ranathambore
73 Hill Fort of Kumbalgarh
74 Hill Fort of Chittorgarh
Tamil Nadu
75 Krishnagiri Fort
76 Rajagiri Fort
77 MuvarKoil&AivarKoil
78 MuchuKundesvara Temple
79 Perumal& Shiva Temple

80 Sithannavasal Caves
81 Thirumayam Fort
82 St. George Fort, Chennai
Uttar Pradesh
83 Jaunpur fort, Sarnath
84 Sarnath Excavated Site, Sarnath
85 Lord Cornwallis Tomb, Sarnath
86 Dharahara Mosque, Varanasi
87 Rajghat Excavated Site, Varanasi
88 Man-Mahal& Observatory, Varanasi
89 Orajhar Buddhist Site
90 KachchiKuti (Mahet), Sravasti
91 Jetavana Monastery (Sahet), Sravasti
92 The Residency,Lucknow
93 ShahiQuila
94 TajMahal, Agra
95 Agra Fort, Agra
96 Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah, Agra
97 FatehpurSikhri fort, Agra
98 Tomb of Akbar the Great, Agra
99 Mariam's Tomb, Agra
100 MehtabBagh, Agra